

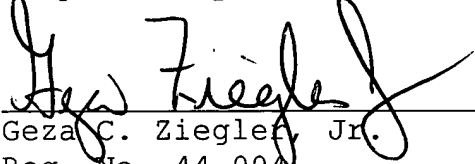
III. REMARKS

Claims 1-9 as originally filed are presented.

Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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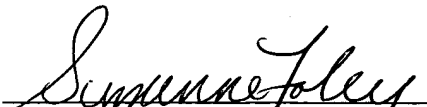
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